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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Koji KISHI et al.)

Application No.: Unassigned)

Group Art Unit: Unassigned

Filed: August 30, 2001)

Examiner: Unassigned

For: METHOD FOR ASSAYING BIOLOGICAL SAMPLE COMPONENT)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 30, 2001

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and examination of the above-identified application on the merits, applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 8, 9, 10, 11, ~~12~~, and 13 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Please substitute the following amended claims for the pending claims with the same numbers in the above-identified application. (A version of the amended claims with markings to show the changes made is also attached.)

1. (Amended) A method for assaying a specific component in a lipoprotein fraction in a serum by an enzymatic reaction, which comprises introducing a controlling means which is established by selecting the enzymatic reaction, for enabling an enzymatic reaction preferentially with respect to an object component in the specific lipoprotein fraction without forming complexes nor aggregates, thereby specifically assaying the component.

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